

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Pederson (Gordon) and Lintz and Senator Vitter

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Deborah Russell, a member of the Hot Springs School District Board on her selection as South Dakota's 2002-2003 Outstanding School Board Member.

WHEREAS, Deborah Russell has served her community and state as a member of the Hot Springs School Board for fifteen years, ten of those years as the board president. She served as a board member of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota from October 1995, to August 2002, and was President of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota from August 1999, to August of 2000. She was also active in the National School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, she has worked diligently with strategic planning; administrator and board goal planning and evaluation; and the initiation of planning retreats for the school board and administration. Ms. Russell was on the negotiations team for the Hot Springs School Board where she was instrumental in initiating the positive process still in place at Hot Springs; and

WHEREAS, she has given freely of her personal time, resources, and talents supporting existing and proposed programs to meet the educational needs of the Hot Springs School District, including: the purchase of additional land for future campus expansion, an addition to the elementary school, and the building of a school/community center to enhance community involvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Deborah Russell be congratulated on her selection as South Dakota's 2002-2003 Outstanding School Board Member of the year.